

## **The Lord's Table (Communion)**



### **What is The Lord's Table (Communion)?**

*Instituted at His last supper with his disciples, The Lord's Table, as initiated by our Lord Jesus Christ, is a point of both remembrance of and communing in and with Him - of His Victory on Calvary's Cross, and His imminent return.*

*As a commandment of our Lord (and the practice of the Apostles and the early church) The Lord's Table is to be regularly observed by His Church on Earth until he returns.*

*To willfully neglect The Lord's Table is to fail in obedience to Christ's command and intention for His church on earth to regularly commune with Him in this manner, until He comes.*

***[Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:25; Acts 2:42; 1Corinthians 11:23-26]***

### **What is the Purpose of The Lord's Table?**

*The Lord's Table (instituted during the last recorded Passover in scripture) was purposed to be a point of spiritual communion between the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church, of His grace, of eternal deliverance and of His Redemption accomplished on Calvary's Cross.*

*The Lord's Table also serves as a point of perpetual remembrance (an active weighing or considering), of showing forth Christ's sacrificial death on the cross for the remission of the sins of the redeemed, and as a proclamation of the Lord's death until He comes.*

***[Exodus 12:1-20; 1Corinthians 10:16-21; 11:23-26]***

### **What are the Elements of The Lord's Table?**

*As instituted by Jesus at His last supper with His disciples, The Lord's Table involves the partaking of the outward elements of bread (symbolic of His Body broken on the cross) and of wine (symbolic of His Blood shed at Calvary). The elements are not in any way His literal or spiritual Body or Blood.*

***[Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25, 1Corinthians 11:23-26]***

**What is Meant by (and Necessary for) Partaking in a Worthy Manner?**

*Scripture calls for a thorough judging or examining of ourselves as to The Lord's Table and our participation with one another in it. Confession of our sins and the seeking of God's forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ will bring us (by God's intended means) to a proper desire to partake thereof in a worthy manner. This examination is so that we may attribute proper value to The Lord's Table, and to thus avoid careless, irreverent participation. Our participation at The Lord's Table is not based upon our own worthiness, but rather upon Christ's worthiness and His completed work on Calvary's Cross.*

*To willfully neglect proper self-examination for participating in The Lord's Table is to place ourselves in danger of God's judgment.*

***[1Corinthians 11:27-34]***